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Account: Air Force—Advance Procurement  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: L-3 Communications Systems

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 Federal Street, Camden, NJ 08103

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$3.75 million for Senior Scout COMINT (Communications Intelligence) Capability Upgrade. As part of the Senior Scout ongoing mission, there is an immediate need to add improved COMINT capability to detect and characterize new, modern, low-power radio signals at extended standoff ranges in the presence of interference. The current systems are not able to detect these specific signal sets, which limits intelligence collection capabilities.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DENNIS RAHIIM WATSON AND HIS ONE-MAN SHOW, "FIRST BLACK PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES"

### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 8, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, as we celebrated the election of President Barack Obama as the first African-American President of the United States, I rise to pay tribute to motivational speaker Dennis Rahiim Watson on the occasion of the 26th anniversary of his critically acclaimed one-man show, "The First Black President of the United States," which made its debut in the Art Gallery of the Adam Clayton Powell Jr. State Office Building in my beloved village of Harlem, New York.

Since 1982, Dennis Rahiim Watson, a Bermuda born and Harlem raised former actor-comedian, has made a major contribution for over a quarter of a century to black and white youths of America. Throughout his life, he has inspired, motivated and challenged over 5 million youth and adults alike with his one-man show, "The First Black President of the United States." Dennis has thrilled audiences at high schools, colleges, and universities among them Harvard, Notre Dame, Howard, University of Georgia, Tufts, NYU, CCNY, Malcolm-King College, Illinois State University and University of Pittsburgh.

Former President William Jefferson Clinton in a letter to Dennis stated that, "for over a quarter of a century you have used your role as the First Black President of the United States to give disadvantaged youth an insight into the future and its possibilities, and by your own example you have helped to provide countless young people with the tools and encouragement they need to reach their god-given potential. Your life's work has been a true investment in the future of our Nation."

More recently, President Barack Obama in a letter praised Watson for his role as the First Black President of the United States by stating that, "theatre has the power to inspire and the power to teach and it's important to use that power to lift up and honor our highest ideals." "You have broadcast the message in your role as the First Black President of the United States that all children can dream big dreams and that anyone regardless of the color of their skin can achieve anything. Anyone can

grow up to become President of the United States."

I congratulate Dennis Rahiim Watson on his latest achievement of becoming the new Chairman of the National Youth and Gang Violence Taskforce and President and CEO of the Center for Black Student Achievement. Your commitment to the value of educating our youngsters and listening to their concerns is irrefutable.

So, Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing my good friend Dennis Rahiim Watson. His success is a testament to his historic and tireless commitment to bringing African-American youth the vision, the hope, and the dream that an African-American could become President in our lifetime before anyone ever knew it was remotely possible.

HONORING COLONEL KIMBERLY B. SIEVERS

### HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 8, 2009

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kimberly B. Sievers, Colonel, United States Air Force on her retirement from active duty service on October 1, 2009, after serving for 27 years in uniform in defense of our country.

In 1982, Colonel Sievers reported to the U.S. Air Force Academy. She graduated in 1986 and began training as an intelligence officer at Lowery Air Force Base in Denver, Colorado. She spent the next several years directly supporting flying operations, providing intelligence and training to pilots at the fighter squadron level—including the 80th Tactical Fighter Squadron in Kunsan Air Base, Republic of South Korea, and the 50th Tactical Fighter Wing in Hahn Air Base, Germany.

Colonel Sievers continued to develop her analytical and leadership skills at Ramstein Air Base in Germany at both the 7450th Tactical Intelligence Squadron and the European Command staff, ending her time at Ramstein as the Team Leader for Intelligence Force Management. She returned to Korea for a second tour at the operation level, leading the Intelligence Plans and Manpower section at 7th Air Force and then the Analyst Element at the 607th Air Intelligence Squadron. From there, Colonel Sievers moved to the Pacific Air Force staff in Hawaii where she directed the liaison efforts between the staff and intelligence elements of all the Air Force squadrons in the Pacific.

Colonel Sievers was then selected to serve in the first of what would be many future leadership positions, as the Director of Operations for the Pacific Intelligence Squadron. She spent a year in residence at the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama. From there, she was selected to command the Intelligence Division at the elite USAF Weapons School at Nellis AFB in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Colonel Sievers was herself one of the very first intelligence officers to graduate from the Weapons School and only the second "home grown" Intelligence Weapons Officer to command the division. Building on that experience, Colonel Sievers was selected to command the

93rd Intelligence Squadron at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas. The 93rd is the largest intelligence squadron in the Air Force with over 800 personnel.

Following that successful command, the Air Force sent Colonel Sievers back to school at the National Defense University, here in Washington, DC. During times of war the best and brightest are needed to lead our young men and women and the Air Force turned to Colonel Sievers to serve as the forward Director of Intelligence for the entire Air Force component under Central Command. Deployed forward to Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar, Colonel Sievers directed the efforts of all intelligence personnel supporting combat operations in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

Returning to the U.S., Colonel Sievers utilized her war experience to help guide the Department of Defense intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance enterprise as the Collection Requirements Division Chief at the Joint Functional Component Command for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance. This would be her final assignment as both she and her husband have chosen to retire from active duty.

I am proud to represent Colonel Sievers in the U.S. Congress. She has forged many new paths within both the intelligence career field and the Air Force, and has led thousands of men and women in both peace and war. Our nation is safer because of her dedication. Colonel Sievers is a unique leader, inspiring those around her to perform at the very highest levels in pursuit of mission accomplishment, yet at the same time possessing the compassion to ensure that those in her charge—and their families—are cared for properly. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing and thanking Colonel Sievers for her exemplary service, leadership, dedication, and sacrifice to our nation.

INTRODUCTION OF THE RECIPROCAL MARKET ACCESS ACT OF 2009

### HON. LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 8, 2009

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Reciprocal Market Access Act. In the wake of the biggest economic crisis since the Great Depression, our country faces a difficult road towards recovery. As part of this effort, it is critical that we ensure that our trade policy is working as it should: to generate new opportunities for our businesses, strengthen American manufacturing capabilities, and reduce the unemployment rate that has risen to the highest level in decades.

American manufacturers of products ranging from optical fiber to autos and agriculture face continual problems with access to overseas markets. Our own trade negotiators do little to prevent this from happening, as it is often standard for trade agreements to open our markets fully to foreign competitors, yet we gain little market access in return.

We must provide our negotiators with unequivocal guidelines so that they do not relinquish our domestic trade protections without